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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **FORMER PHOENIX GUN DEALER SENTENCED TO PRISON**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- STEVEN RANDALL VOLCKMANN**, age 54, resident of Glendale Arizona, a former federally licensed firearms dealer with Arrow Pawn in Phoenix, Arizona, was sentenced, yesterday, to 1 year in prison, fined \$5,000, and ordered to perform 500 hours of community service, by United States District Court Judge Roslyn O. Silver. On December 10, 1999, **VOLCKMANN** pleaded guilty to Conspiracy, Willful Failure to Properly Maintain a Licensed Firearms Dealer's Records and Unlawful Sale of a Handgun to an Out-of-State Resident.

Volckmann admitted that the following offenses occurred between August 7 and November 4, 1997, and were during the time he operated Arrow Pawn. He admitted that on seven different dates he traded or sold 24 hand guns, and four rifles, to numerous individuals, including Arizona Department of Public Safety and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) undercover agents without properly recording the identifying information of the buyers in the pawn shop's federally required firearms dealer's records. On three occasions, the firearms were traded for items such as computer printers or car stereos. On one occasion, Volckmann knowingly sold three handguns to an undercover ATF agent who told Volckamann he was a resident of California. During the majority of these transactions, Volckmann was assisted by store clerk and co-conspirator, David A. Pfleger. Finally, in furtherance of Volckmann's scheme to cover up the illegal gun sales, Volckmann filed a false loss report with the Phoenix Police Department on September 8,

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1997. In the report, Volckmann claimed four of the firearms he had previously sold or traded illegally were lost and could not be accounted for in his records.

Convictions for Conspiracy in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 371; Willful Failure to Properly Maintain a Licensed Firearms Dealer's Records in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(b)(5); and Unlawful Sale of a Handgun to an Out-of-State Resident in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(b)(3) are each punishable by a maximum fine of \$250,000.00, a maximum term of imprisonment of five (5) years, or both and a term of supervised release of up to three (3) years.

The defendant was on pretrial release pending yesterday's sentencing and ordered to self surrender in 15 days.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Phoenix Police Department.

The prosecution was handled by Frederick A. Battista, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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